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GOT SNOW? - Elk Point Outreach School students, including the three pictured, are all set to shovel for seniors and others who can't do the job themselves, through the Snow Angels program that is a joint project of the school and the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS.

Vicki Brooker photo

RCMP, fire department calls increase substantially

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

Elk Point's emergency service providers have survived what RCMP Sgt. Dave Henry called "a nightmare" and what Elk Point Volunteer Firefighter Josh Bateman said had that department "run off our feet," in reports at last week's meeting of the Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee (CAPC).

The RCMP fielded 3,500 calls in 2019, over 520 per member, more than double the provincial average of 250, and had the highest-ever prisoner count of over 300 incarcerated. Next door at the fire hall, last year's 115 calls have accelerated in recent weeks, to a degree that according to Bateman, "has us on pace for 250 in 2020. We're going really hard."

Many of the fire department calls were to assist the Emergency Medical Service, with training upgrades for the members now equipping them for that duty, Bateman reported. The firefighters held their annual meeting last week and elected Kent Bernard as the new Fire Chief and Matt Utri as Deputy Chief, with those appointments still to be ratified by town council.

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Multiple programs, events and information shared at Interagency

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The goal of the Interagency Health and Wellness Committee is to share information, and there was plenty of information from the representatives of all eight groups and agencies represented at the first meeting of 2020 last week.

FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk chaired the meeting in the absence of Margaret Modin, and had four upcoming events and programs from her department to share.

One of these is the Snow Angels is a FCSS program that partners with Elk Point Outreach School, and offers snow shoveling service for seniors and others unable to do their own. Fodchuk said FCSS is currently getting signs made that these residents can put out when shoveling is required. The Outreach

students "are so good and so willing to do it, and there's no cost to us or them except for getting the signs made. When they see the sign, they stop and shovel."

FCSS is hosting a presentation on depression and mental health on Feb. 11 at the Elk Point Seniors Centre, with guest speaker Dr. Breen Hollins. He will provide information on looking after one's own mental health and how to recognize and treat depression, as well as speaking on suicide and other related conditions in this free session beginning at 6 p.m. Fodchuk noted that for those unable to attend, the presentation would be live streamed on Facebook.

The second event is a free full-day session on emergency child and baby first aid and CPR training, made possible by sponsorship from Canadian Red Cross and the Elk Point Early Childhood Development Council. The

March 1 course will be offered at the Elk Point Fire Hall and can accommodate 18 people, "with preference given to low income families," Fodchuk said, telling the group that the course normally costs \$120 per person. To register, call the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS at 780-645-1950.

Another free program available through FCSS is the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, which has been ongoing for a number of years with excellent response from seniors and low-income individuals from the county or the town of Elk Point. The qualifying amounts are \$30,000 for an individual, \$40,000 for a couple or one adult with a child earning \$35,000 or less, plus \$2,500 for each additional dependent. The service goes from March 2 to April 30, and the required information can be dropped off at the County office in St.

Paul or the FCSS office in Elk Point. Volunteers will also be at Elk Point Heritage Lodge on March 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to do tax returns for the residents.

Terry Shankowski reported that the FCSS Seniors Festival held in Heinsburg in late November had been "a great success" with 109 attendees.

Shankowski reported on her volunteer assistance with the Santas Anonymous program, which this year provided 51 hampers to those in need, and will now be adding a new volunteer role to her schedule. Starting Jan. 28, she will be involved in a partnership with Elk Point Municipal Library, offering an 11 a.m. Storytime program, with snacks and crafts, for preschoolers, which depending on the interest shown, could be held weekly or every second week.

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Committees to try a joint meeting

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Review Staff

The Interagency Health and Wellness Committee (IHWC) and the Community Advisory Policing Committee (CAPC) were both originally formed by interest groups and have been operating independently for many years. Recently, there have been suggestions that the two groups could merge, but both had members against that idea.

At the last meetings of 2019, and at the urging of individuals who represent groups on both committees, it was decided to hold the January meetings of the two

back to back for the convenience of those members. The meetings were held last Tuesday, and the possibility came back to both tables.

Levina Ewasiuk, who represents the senior population on both groups, told the IHWC that she felt "there could be a link. We need community-based response to addictions," she said, as an example involving both health and policing. "Right now it's a revolving door, with no lasting solutions." At the CAPC meeting that followed, she urged that the groups "join forces and look at these issues."

It was pointed out that a joint meeting would require

less time than the two back to back, with one agenda, one set of minutes, and one report rather than two from each of the four members who currently attend both meetings. Another time saver, dispensing with a once-a-year duty for members of the CAPC, was that lunch would not be served, but people could bring a bag lunch to eat while the meeting was underway.

The decision was made to try out the joint meeting concept on Wednesday, March 17, with Lorne Young from the IHWC and Josh Bateman and Dwayne Yaremkevich from the CAPC delegated to draw up an agenda and circulate it to the members.

Interagency

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"If you need help," Fodchuk said, "let us know. We will get Terry going out to help with outreach."

Health Care

Chantelle Hammond reported on behalf of Public Health that Elk Point had a baby boom in 2019, with 33 new arrivals during the year. Currently she is making sure there are no outbreaks of influenza and gastroenteritis, and has received guidelines from the World Health Organization on the threat of coronavirus.

Elk Point Health Care Centre has had "a big increase in emergency visits," according to facility manager Brenda Haire-Killam, with "over double the normal number on Boxing Day, many of them coming from other areas. It put a bit of a strain on the staff, but now it's trending back down, and we're encouraging people to go to the clinics for non-emergencies." There have been some incidences of influenza-like illness, she noted. Health care facilities have been urged to

watch their spending and budget, "but we're not big spenders, anyway." The locum suite facelift in now complete and "very much appreciated," she noted.

Seniors

Lana Odgaard said it has been quiet at Heritage Lodge since the residents' Christmas party, when "we had a full house." All the residents are currently healthy, and the Lodge has three openings, with five at Buckingham House and none at Fort George Manor.

Levina Ewasiuk reported that activities have resumed at the Seniors Recreation Centre after the festive season, with coffee and cards Monday through Wednesday mornings, starting at 9 a.m., floor curling gets underway on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. and whist is on the schedule for the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Education

Bridget Severin was happy to report that with the

arrival of warmer weather, Elk Point schools are "glad to have outdoor recesses again." New busing practices for extremely cold weather will provide afternoon buses "under certain conditions, that we hope will serve some families better," including those who are able to drive their children to school in the morning but may find it difficult to pick them up, due to their working hours. She announced that F. G. Miller High is among five schools where driver training will be offered at less than half the normal cost, "and they also earn credits for it."

Town

"It's budget-watching time," Mayor Lorne Young said, adding that there will be adjustments to accommodate the cost of policing. This year, estimated at \$27,000, "will set the direction," but this cost will reportedly rise to \$77,000 in four years, he said. "I know we need more support for the detachment."

Community Policing

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The RCMP Detachment's manpower is now "up to full," with a new corporal on staff, Sgt. Henry said, and a newly arrived recruit who "made his first arrest this morning." The department should also "have all our vehicles back this week" after a series of mishaps that had them borrowing vehicles from other detachments.

Statistics indicate a 28 per cent drop in break-and-enter and property crimes, and "a lot of the bigger criminals in jail right now," the sergeant said, with the detachment's hot spot checks and an increase in calls regarding suspicious vehicles deserving part of the credit. Frog Lake First Nations has developed some programs that are "extremely effective," he noted.

"It's good to see an increase in working with community partners. We need community involvement, and we depend on it, so call us," Sgt. Henry said, adding that he would like to have another open house in the near future, to hear residents' concerns.

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) president Orest Sereda reported that November's town hall meeting with Sgt. James Morton of the North East Alberta Crime Reduction Unit drew over 80 people. The Rural Crime Watch annual general meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the County of St. Paul office. The association had contacted both St. Paul and Elk Point detachments, Sereda said, and both were interested in receiving reading systems able to decode trace pen markings. The readers have now been ordered and will be donated to the detachments.

Deputy Mayor Terri Hampson reported that the town now has a new bylaw enforcement officer,

Tammy Goddu. She also outlined two free workshops that will be hosted by the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS, as well as their annual income tax preparation service.

Levina Ewasiuk, representing Elk Point seniors, said she was pleased to hear of the provincial governmental changes that "are no longer blaming victims for being victims," and the steps the government is taking toward curbing rural crime.

Melanie Murtha reported "no issues with crime or vandalism" at F. G. Miller High School, where Grade 12 diploma exams are now underway, and added that 30 to 40 per cent of students made it to class during the 'snow days' when extreme cold kept buses from running.

"It's nice to see the police presence in town," Oilmen's Association representative Brant Evans said, "It keeps people more honest." He added that the cold weather might have helped to "keep things quiet in the oilfield."

CAPC chair and Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said the new policing funding is expected to cost the town around \$27,000 this year, with increases in future years. He asked if some type of communication for emergency situations could be established between the town office and RCMP, with Sgt. Henry replying, "Unless you hear from me, there's no lockdown. It's the sergeant's duty to inform." He added an explanation of the difference between a hold and secure and a lockdown.

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Health Care Auxiliary still providing 'little extras' for patients

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Review Staff

With a few new members on their roster, Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary held their annual supper meeting this month and are getting set to carry on their good works for another year, with the group's annual meeting set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the Health Care Centre's in-service room.

The Auxiliary dates back to March of 1976 and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2017, with a number of original members and longtime members joining the current group for an evening of reminiscing.

Throughout the years, the role of the auxiliary has been to support the facility and its patients, and follow, as the history of the organization said in the Elk Point Reflections history book, "We endeavor to provide the little extras to the patients in an effort to make their stay in the hospital more comfortable."

Over the years, they have provided everything from wheelchairs to blood pressure monitors to their most recent buy, clocks for patients' rooms, raising money for the equipment by holding fundraising bake sales, bazaars and raffles, as well as accepting donations. The group has constructed tray favors for the patients for special occasions throughout the year, made lap quilts and compiled cookbooks, as well as operating the canteen adjacent to the health care centre's lobby.

Current president Millie Orr says that the group no longer raises funds for major equipment purchases, but "we buy smaller items we can afford for the patients' comfort." The auxiliary recently got the go-ahead to make colorful pillowcases for the long term care patients next Christmas, and she intends to get her friends from the local Further Education sewing group



HEALTH CARE CENTRE'S HELPING HANDS - Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary members include, front, left to right: Bernice Capjack, Lillian Ewasiuk, Katherine Shymkiw, Marilyn Habiak and Gunhild Nelson, back, left to right: Carolyn Onusko, Auxiliary president Millie Orr, Lyn Young, Marguerite Friesen, Elaine Bartee, Sharon Smith, Clair Jordon and Carol Maas.

Photo contributed

to help with that project.

Orr is one of the willing workers who keep the canteen stocked with everything from knitted dishcloths to handmade slippers, and recently shipped off an order of slippers that she made to another healthcare facility. The slippers and other items are popular, she says, "but

we always need new ideas for concession items and for fundraisers."

Things seem to be looking up for the auxiliary, which last fall was considering bringing their decades of service to an end. Now, Orr says, "We'll go ahead for another year, and then we'll see."

Reassessment could up taxes on county parcels

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

Owners of hundreds of parcels of land in the County of St. Paul will receive assessment letters this month to confirm if their property currently assessed as agricultural for taxation purposes, is in fact being used for agriculture. This move has the potential to see many acres of land reassessed as recreational land based on market value meaning increased property taxes for owners.

County CAO Sheila Kitz informed council members at the Jan. 14 meeting that she fully expects this to be a contentious undertaking and they should expect some phone calls from ratepayers.

In total, the owners of 689 properties in the county will receive the letters along with a survey they will be required to complete regarding the land's use. Accurate Assessment Group, the county's contracted assessment company, will review the information provided and a determination will be made for assessment which may require a reinspection of the property in question.

"This is just to give you guys a heads up because this is going to be contentious," Kitz told council, noting the number of parcels involved is "staggering."

Council had little to say in response,

although Coun. Laurent Amyotte questioned if it was possible councillors could receive a list of who was involved.

Reeve Steve Upham said the move is not a tax grab on the part of the county but rather comes from the province. Land that is being used for recreational purposes as opposed to agricultural must be assessed at true market value, Upham said.

"The province has adjusted so much of what we do. They've adjusted linear, mechanical assessment, so we lost money there. It think this was a way to true up some of these other properties. . . . Some of these properties have taxes of like \$120. A lot of them are less than \$100 because they're taxed based on their agricultural value not on their real property value. So the province threw us that bone and said you know what, we're taking this stuff but here chew away at this."

For the most part, Upham believes the properties in question are generally small in size.

"They are all basically bush, unimproved land and a lot of them are small parcels that are corners and triangles along highways that have no reason to be agriculturally used, no ability to be agriculturally used."

On the downside, Upham admits the potential exists for a drop in the value of the land in question if it is re-assessed from agricultural to recreational.

"At the end of the day, if they're paying \$2,000 or \$1,800 a year for a piece of land they go cross-country skiing on three or four times a year in the winter, or like to go and observe birds in the summertime, they are going to sell that property, I think. So I think it has the potential to drive those property values down, that's just a personal observation for me."

CAO Sheila Kitz explained to the Journal that when the county contracted Accurate Assessment Group to take over the assessment services for the municipality about five years ago, the problem of how some parcels were being assessed was first identified. However, no immediate change was made at that time.

"Council determined that it was not fair to make a change to landowners in one-fifth of the County while other parcels would not be inspected for quite some time," Kitz said, pointing out that

the assessors move through the county to inspect about 20 per cent of the properties each year. "Now five years later, the assessors have reviewed all parcels in the County and have determined that there are 689 parcels of land where it is not clear if the land is being used for farming operations."

"Under the Alberta Regulation 'Matters Relating to Assessment and Taxation Regulation 220/2004', the valuation standard for a parcel of land is market value, or if the parcel is used for farming operations, agricultural use value. There is a big difference in the assessment value in these cases," Kitz stated.

Based on the landowner's response to the survey, Kitz said the assessment may change for the parcel in question, with the change being effective for the 2021 taxation year.



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This annual tournament is a way of keeping the Edmonton house and other Alberta cities in operation, so that they can be the much needed home away from home for families at a difficult time in their lives.

There are a number of ways to support this tournament, through sponsorship, attendance at games and by volunteering at the tournament. One of these volunteer opportunities also helps Elk Point Minor Hockey, which is currently looking for booth shift workers for Feb. 14 to 16. Give them a call and help make this tournament another annual success.

TAX TIPS

How to get ready for tax season

The new year means tax season is upon us once again! Although you have until April 30, 2020 to file your 2019 income tax return, it is never too early to start gathering your documents and preparing for your taxes. The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) has put together three tips on how you can get yourself organized and ready for your income tax filings:

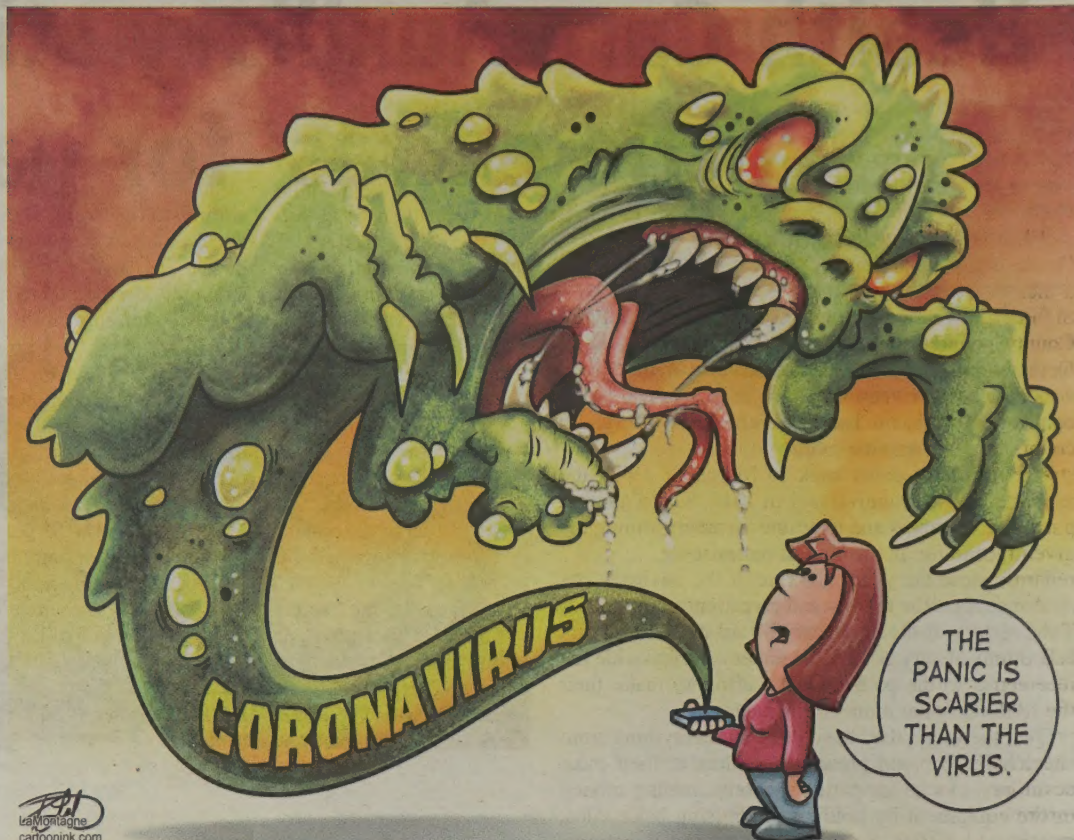
1. Centralize (or digitalize) and itemize your files. Gather all tax-related files, receipts, and other paperwork in one place so you have it when you file. Consider scanning your files and saving them securely on your hard drive or cloud storage so you can easily access them. Itemizing and categorizing your files by the type of paperwork, such as medical receipts, tax forms, and charitable receipts, will also make your life easier when it comes time to file your income tax return.

By the way, scanning your receipts on a regular basis may be a good practice so you can not only prepare for the tax season, but also keep a record—just in case the CRA wants to review them later.

2. Keep track of your capital gains and losses. Sold stocks or your home? Keeping track of your capital gains and losses throughout the year is important. Make sure you have records of your buying and selling prices to make it easier to file your taxes.

3. Don't delay, start now. Get into the habit now and do not wait until April 30 to look for and review your files. By staying on top of your paperwork now and throughout the year, you can avoid surprises like forgotten receipts and missing documentation that could result in underestimated taxes. Once you have a system working for you, make sure to keep using it after the tax season is over.

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Library construction, electoral boundaries doubled attendance

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1985

Construction began on Elk Point's new municipal library, with site preparation and the pouring of footings for the 3,600 square foot facility coming close on the heels of Mayor Ed Buck's signing of the \$167,140 construction contract with Tollfam Contractors Ltd. of Lloydminster. Clark Stuparyk was named president of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce at the first meeting of the year, which was also the first meeting held in the new banquet room at the Empress.

1990

Town council received the final draft of the Community Services Centre Feasibility Study and studied the recommendations for a large facility that would serve the multiple needs of community groups and organizations. The possibility of changes to the provincial electoral boundaries that could result in the disappearance of the St. Paul constituency drew considerable concern from chamber of commerce members.

1995

The late 1994 decision to divide the agricultural society into two facility operating committees appeared to be working well, with the two committees working hard to find innovative ways to pay off the massive debt that was divided between them. Coach George Bendixen and his Bantam Lightning Elks were excited to learn that they would host the Bantam Provincial Championship tournament in March.

2000

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club kept age-old holiday traditions alive at their belated celebration

of Ukrainian Christmas in the Elks Hall, with families and friends enjoying heaping plates of traditional foods before the dancers performed. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce explored fundraising ideas that included hosting a circus, as well as the upcoming Service Best seminar on customer service.

2005

Rumors of drug use by Elk Point young people more than doubled the usual attendance when RCMP Sgt. Brian Quist attended the chamber of commerce meeting to discuss the concerns, with FCSS director Deanna Easthope, F. G. Miller principal Jim Hawkins and school board trustee Darrell Youngmans also in attendance. Elk Point Novice Hurricanes, coached by Roland Moneta, Jim Vinge and David Nazarchuk, hosted the first hockey tournament of 2005, winning both games in the six-team tournament.

2010

Progress on the Visitor Information EcoCentre hit a snag when the eco-friendly flooring material was recalled by the manufacturer, with a replacement shipment to be sent immediately. Dedicated volunteers were honoured in Heinsburg at the annual Community Club Appreciation Night, with special recognition for Alice Gregor on her 90th birthday.

2015

Elk Point RCMP asked parents to be on alert after an incident when two brothers aged eight and nine walking to school were approached by a vehicle whose passenger opened its door and asked the boys if they wanted a ride to school, the quick-witted boys saying "No" and running away. Pond hockey was the Elk Point Oil Barons' game of choice, with a fast-growing contingent of players, coaches and executive and three sponsors for their brand new jerseys.

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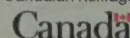
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County denies Elk Point request

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Elk Point's new Economic Development Committee will not get a helping hand from the County of St. Paul, at least just not yet anyway. County council approved a motion by Coun. Maxine Fodness during the Jan. 14 council meeting to deny a \$5,000 contribution to the committee until the county's own economic development strategy plan is firmed up.

Council agreed with administration's position that the request is premature given the county's own undertakings in regards to economic development.

A partnership involving the county, Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay received a grant of \$125,000 through the Alberta Community Partnership program in 2019 to hire a consultant to develop a regional economic development strategy, CAO Sheila Kitz informed the Journal following the meeting.

The county is the managing partner and the plan would include "economic data analysis, community engagement, the establishment of a framework to deliver regional economic development servicing and evaluation of target industries and potential development areas, and the crafting of realistic strategies."

Meanwhile, the Town of Elk Point approved a \$5,000 grant to the committee at their Jan. 13 meeting.

Development stats

While the number of planning and development permits issued in the coun-

ty in 2019 was down over the previous year, the overall value of the permits was up, Kitz told council in her CAO report.

The total value of permits granted in 2019 was \$12,730,704 compared to the 2018 figure of \$9,464,272. Development permits totaled 121, building - 89, electrical - 111, gas - 67, plumbing - 20, sewage systems - 54, compliance - 19, rezoning - 1 and subdivision - 11.

Fuel tender

Cornerstone Co-op was the successful tender for a two-year term for the supply and delivery of fuel to the county with a bid of \$1,758,910 accepted by council.

The Co-op tied with the Rural Municipalities of Alberta fuel program in the highest total points awarded in the tender evaluation criteria, both with 91 points out of a possible 100. The RMA bid was lower at \$1,748,313, however, council agreed with a recommendation from administration that it award the tender to the Co-op.

Public Works director Dan Reid said, "the biggest risk was the unknowns with going with a new fuel tender", especially relating to delivery availability and given the scope of work on the county's books for the upcoming season.

The overall lowest tender was Bluewave Energy with a bid of \$1,725,612.50. However, the company scored the lowest in the tender evaluation criteria with a score of 76.

Kitz said it was important to note that all tenders were sealed at the time of opening as there were some rumblings that this was not the case.

Legal eagles

The county will send council and administrative representatives to two upcoming law seminars in Edmonton hosted by two different law firms. Council gave the nod to five councillors and two administrative staff to attend the 34th annual law seminar hosted by Reynolds Mirth Richard & Farmer LLP on Feb. 7. The annual seminar focuses on issues and trends facing Alberta municipalities. Registration is \$175 per person and additional expenses including mileage, hotels, meals and per diem is estimated at \$1,155 per councillor and \$627 per staff over and above salary.

Five councillors and two administrative staff will also attend the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law seminar sponsored by Brownlee LLP in Edmonton on Feb. 13. Costs are similar to the RMRF seminar, which brings the total estimated cost for the county for the two seminars to approximately \$16,500.

Partnerships

Council gave the nod to four proposed partnerships with municipalities to be submitted for consideration through the Alberta Community Partnership grant program. The four initiatives include three focused on completing detailed engineering stormwater pre-designs and implementation strategies with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The fourth partnership would be with the Town of Elk Point for the purpose of completing an area structure plan for 400 acres on Highway 41 at the entrance to the town and a utility analysis.

Breakfast money

Council approved paying an invoice from the Town of Elk Point in the amount of \$158, half the cost of the Pancake Breakfast held June 2 during Seniors' Week even though, as administration pointed out, there was not prior motion on the books of the county agreeing to partner on the event.

Junior curling

The St. Paul Junior Curling Association got the support of county council to the tune of \$300 on the club's annual bonspiel scheduled for Jan. 26. Coun. Laurent Amyotte expressed the view that supporting the junior curlers is "a wonderful way" to keep the local curling rinks and clubs going strong by encouraging up and coming curlers.

Business support

Three local business organizations will again receive funding support from the county for their 2020 operations. The St. Paul and District Chamber of Commerce will receive \$10,000 and the Mallaig and Elk Point chambers will each receive \$5,000.

Public auction

Council set May 12 as the date for the public auction of lands in 2020. As per the Municipal Government Act, municipalities must offer for sale any parcel of land shown on its tax arrears list if the tax arrears are not paid.

Federal conference

Two councillors will attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Toronto June 4-7. In discussing the conference, Coun. Darrell Youngmans noted that council "should limit how many are going."

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Elks end regular season with a win

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks wound up the SaskAlta Hockey League's 2019-2020 regular season with a 4-3 win over Wainwright Rustlers on Friday night in Wainwright.

The Elks were first on the scoreboard, Scott Ward scoring off assists by Myles Whitford and Morgan Greve just over seven minutes into the game, but the Rustlers would catch up a minute and a half later, adding two more in the second to take a commanding 3-1 lead.

The final period, however was all

Elks, all the way, Jason Kalyynchuk, assisted by Arron Gagne and Ward, and Devin Moneta scoring unassisted within the first four minutes and 12 seconds to tie the game, and Curtis Witney scoring the game winner off a shot from Dillon Kalinski with just under seven minutes left on the clock.

The Elks finished the season in a three-way tie with Lashburn Flyers and Two Hills Longhorns for sixth place in the 12-team league, all with 18 points, Dewberry Mustangs' Saturday night win over Paradise Valley Jets edging them ahead of the trio for fifth spot with 19

points.

Hillmond Hitmen, who won their final game of the regular season over Meadow Lake Broncos, leads the pack with 28 points, St. Walburg Eagles final loss to the third place Wainwright Broncos not moving them out of second spot with 27 points, one ahead of Wainwright's 26, while Meadow Lake wrapped up the season with 24.

Playoff time

The Elks will kick off Round 1 of their Best of 5 Playoff schedule on Friday Jan 31 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Walburg, with the second game Saturday, Feb 1 at

8:00 p.m. in Elk Point. The third game is scheduled for Friday, Feb 7 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Walburg, with further games if required on Saturday, Feb 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Elk Point and Sunday Feb 9, in St. Walburg with the time to be determined.

Because St. Walburg finished second in the league, the Elks feel this will be a tough series, and say, "We will need all our fans to get behind our boys and cheer them on! It won't be easy, but can be done. GO ELKS GO!"

RECREATION CORNER

County

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Council approved sending Laurent Amyotte and Kevin Wirsta to the conference at an approximate cost of \$3,089 each. Reeve Steve Upham is also attending, although his cost will be covered at the zone level.

Coyote program

The county's coyote program was terminated as of Dec. 31, 2019. Kitz informed council there had been some concern voiced to public works staff over the cancellation.

Following the meeting, Kitz explained to the St. Paul Journal the number of coyotes being brought in had been decreasing over the years.

"Last year, Council decided to implement a beaver reduction program as there have been quite a number of issues with water and road infrastructure due to beaver dams. This program was well received and had made a difference for both the County infrastructure and agriculture producers," Kitz stated. "Council determined that they would reallocate funds from the coyote reduction program to this program for the time being."

Pickleball Beginners Night!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

This coming Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 7:00 p.m. at F. G Miller High School, Pickleball will be hosting a beginner's night for free. Whether this is a sport you have always wanted to try, or you just want to be more physically active, this is the perfect night to give it a shot! All you need is clean court shoes or runners, everything else is supplied.

Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines tennis, badminton and table tennis. The sport is quickly gaining popularity, not just with seniors, but is also becoming quite popular with younger adults, even my 13-year-old daughter enjoys it! This is a year-round sport, as the club uses the high school gym during the winter months and moves to the outdoor tennis courts from May to the end of September, weather permitting.

Sherry Oszust has been a member for nearly two years and loves the physical activity aspect of it, she says it's a fun way to stay fit and that you can make it as challenging as you want it to be. She also adds that if you have bad knees or hip problems, Pickleball may not be the sport for you.

Even though the club has reserved this as a night for beginners, newcomers are welcome on any Tuesday evening. Hope you get the chance to take part!

Four months until wagon season!

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It's just four months until the chuckwagons in the World Professional and Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Associations hit the track for the 2020 season, which will take each association to a total of 10 race meets plus the Calgary Stampede's Rangeland Derby.

The World wagon circuit includes races in BC, Saskatchewan and Alberta, while the Canadian circuit concentrates on the northern half of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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Ponoka Stampede - June 26 - July 1
Calgary Stampede Rangeland Derby - July 3-12
Bonnyville Chuckwagon Championships - July 23-26
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Roy's wishes.



Wagon Season

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Battle of the North, Dawson Creek, BC - Aug. 5-9
Battle of the Rockies, Rocky Mountain House - Aug. 13-16
Century Downs World Championship, Calgary - Aug. 19-23
Canadian Professional Chuckwagon Association
Prince Albert, SK - May 29-31
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Quick changes name of the game for Novice Avalanche

One thing that I usually notice from the time box is how most kids will stay out on the ice too long on a shift. Sometimes two or three minutes go by before the coaches can get their attention and have them make a line change. Quick changes are still equal to the same amount of ice time, as long as everyone on the team does it. You can get a better pressure on the other team if you have fresh legs. I can see it happen sometimes in the second period when the defense gets trapped in their own end. It's a long way to the bench. Otherwise there's no excuse.

The Novice Avalanche has no choice in the matter. When the buzzer goes after a minute and a half, they change lines and come out of the players' box like gangbusters. It's fun to watch how fast they make a line change. Maybe one day when they get up to the older groups like Atom and Pee wee they will do the same thing. Hopefully, anyway!

The Novice Avalanche had a great game on Saturday against the Frog Lake T Birds. Quick changes were the name of the game and great goaltending at both ends of the ice. Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran, suiting up for the Avalanche, was terrific. It was a heck of a good game for smooth skating and sharp shooting Ryder 'Rhino' Malo who scored five goals in this one. 'Jesse James' Penner pulling the trigger on three goals and two assists, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with one goal and setting up the other kids a number of times even if they didn't always score. William 'Billy Bob' Ballas is known for passing the puck; he scored two and assisted on three others. Girls just want to have fun! Not these two angels! Ava 'the Angel' Rawlake, who is not really an angel, but she has wings, with a hat trick and two assists. Avree 'the Aggressor' Lesyk with one goal, two assists and some very aggressive fore-checking. Ringing it off the post a few times but finding the mesh with his long stride was 'Major Tom' Melnyk. Hayden Badger and Hudson 'Hammer' Krankowsky each hammered one home, Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault with a couple of assists. Still looking for his first goal, Luke Osinchuk is getting into the play more and more every week and is starting to create turnovers.

The Atom Avalanche had a very rough weekend, losing Friday night in Bonnyville and then again on Saturday at home against the Vermilion Tigers. Both of those are teams the Atoms can normally keep pace with, but with some injuries and sick kids they did the best they could. Normally they have 11 skaters and a goalie, but their number one goalie Brendan 'Buzz' Kadutski was out with an injury and therefore Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith had to step in and strap on the big



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BASSETT

Review Sports

Penner and 'Billy Bob' Ballas getting the call to play right after their own game on Saturday. Both of them never looked out of place although they may have to work on the off side rule. The one disadvantage of the half ice is players not learning about off sides or icing. Birthday boy Jackson 'J.R.' Rawlake, who celebrated his 10th birthday on Saturday, is starting to get really strong on his skates and handling the puck.

Two big wins for the Pee wee Avalanche this past weekend at home. Saturday the Paradise Valley Jets flew into town with only 10 skaters in the lineup, but they still gave the Avalanche one heck of a game. Our guys coming out on top 5 to 3, the last goal scored into an empty net when the Jets pulled the goalie for the extra attacker, trying to tie the game. But this game could have gone either way. Taking a couple of whacks at the puck, Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch with the first goal for the Avalanche, assisted by Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka. Then a real beauty of a goal by 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine who was streaking down the wing and sniped one 'Bar Down'. The Avalanche was leading 2 to 0 after the first period, but the shots on goal were equal. In the second period the Jets would pull within one, making a game of it, the shots very close. 'Goodyear Charlie' coming up with some sensational saves. The Avalanche turning on the heat in the third period, 'Top Gunner' Crawford would score two goals back to back, one on the power play assisted by 'Bo Diddley' and Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans-Anderson, the second one assisted by Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac. But the Jets would not go down easy, pulling within one goal and pulling the goalie in the last minute to add some drama. But speedy defenseman Gavin 'Green Light' Kadutski potted the empty netter, assisted by Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamaud to take the wind out of their sails. On Sunday the Avalanche was not having any trouble collecting the two points, winning 8 to 1 over the St. Paul Canadiens. 'ToP Gunner' and 'Formula One' with two goals each, Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski with a goal and an assist, 'Green Light' with a goal and an assist, 'Stellar Ella' Ballas with a goal and an assist, Brayden 'Pin Ball' Pinette with a goal, 'Bo Diddley' and 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce with two helpers each, 'Blue Line' with one assist. First year forward Trystn 'Spectacular' Sakowsky is showing

pads. No problem there, but its took away one of the teams stronger skaters. Then big D-man 'Boe Dog' St. George and center man 'Without a Trace' Morgan were both in bed sick and were scratched. What to do? Call the farm team. Two rookies from the Novice farm team, 'Jesse James'



SLEIGH RIDE - Dewberry Wild took a break from this weekend's tournament to enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride.

Submitted photo

great improvement every week.

No problem at all for the big blue and white Bantam Avalanche machine on Sunday when the Bonnyville Pontiacs came down from the north through the fog. Shutout number six on the season for goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk who never had very many shots thanks to the close checking of his forwards and D-men. Sometimes that can be worse, though, when you are cold and not expecting a tricky one. 'Mick Jager' Fontaine with four goals and four assists, his brother 'Kid Kade' with two goals and an assist, Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman with a couple of tallies. The big bruiser, Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk with a goal and an assist, Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney with a goal and an assist, Wyatt 'Wild Thing' Pavoll and Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal on the board with two assists each.

In out of town action this past weekend, the Dewberry Wild Female Midget team with two of our local girls in the lineup, Jenna 'Precious' Poitras and Sydnee 'Sid the Kid' Crawford hosted their home tournament. This was an awesome event with the local chuckwagon driver Vern Nolin and other wagon drivers hooking up their horses and doing sleigh rides between the games. The Wild lost their first game Saturday morning to Onoway by a score of 3 to 1, then won over High Prairie later that day 3 to 2 sending them to the A final against the Lakeland Jaguars. The girls played extremely well in the final game at noon on Sunday. They even out shot the Jaguars in the first period. But with a few too many penalties, they powered out in the end to one of their league rivals by a close 4 to 1 score.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "When we've got the puck, they can't score." - Paul Coffey



TEAM OF THE WEEK - Left to right: Brett Germain, Zack Germain, Barrett Germain, Sandy Smith.

Joanne Warawa photo

From the Hack

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

With much better weather this week, we entered our sixth week of play for the year. We've got four more weeks of play before playoffs start at the end of February. The top four teams in the standings are the Porcina, Gibson, Lindquist and Hahn rinks.

This week's team of the week is the Germain team skipped by Barrett Germain, third Brett Germain, second Zach Germain and lead Sandy Smith. These guys are all new to us this year and are sitting in the middle of the standings. They are discussing a strategy change for next week, which may involve making Zach, who is in Grade 5, their new skip!

We love seeing the kids come out and curl with the adults. This is why I love curling - all ages, all skills, all genders (although ladies we are a bit outnumbered) - hint, hint - which is why we are having a ladies' curling night on Saturday, Feb. 8 - see our Facebook page for more details.

2020 New Year New Vision

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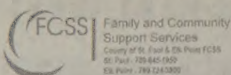
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